Instructions for Assembly, Operation and Maintenance of DRIESCHER - Outdoor Disconnecting Switches and Earthing Switches

- Single and three-pole
- Rated voltage 12 kV, 24 kV and 36 kV
- Rated current 400 A and 630 A
Once you have received the delivery please carefully unpack the switching devices and check for any transportation damage. Should you determine any damage please report this immediately and indicate the carrier.

After unpacking, clean the switching devices and accessories to remove any contamination from packing material and protect against moisture and contamination prior to installation. To transport the switching devices only hold at the frame and never touch the contact blades etc.

Thoroughly clean the switches and actuator elements prior to putting into operation to remove dust and installation swarf and wipe all insulating parts with a clean dry cloth.

The switches are designed for normal operating conditions in compliance EN 62271-1 Class "Minus 25 Outdoor". The max. ambient temperature is 40°C; the average value over 24 hours is max. 35°C. The values on insulation strength are related to sea level. For altitudes of up to 1000 m any reduction in insulation caused by the reduced insulating property of the air is insignificant and can be ignored.

For installation at altitudes above 1000 m it is necessary to correct the values given for the rated power-frequency withstand voltage and the rated lightning impulse withstand voltage. According to EN 62271-1 the insulating property of the clearance at an altitude of e.g. 2000 m is reduced by the factor 0.81.

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The switches are designed for vertical frame or wall mounting. Switches for horizontal installation or for mounting on roofs are appropriately adjusted and marked. For the assembly of the earthing and disconnecting switches always observe the following:

- Make sure not to distort the base frame of the switch when tightening the fixing screws.

- Do not fasten wall-mounting switching devices directly to the wall as its surface is usually uneven. We recommend mounting the switches on accurately aligned cross arms set up in front of the wall or to accurately adjust the switching devices on four ragbolts inserted in the wall, using two lock nuts respectively.

- When connecting cables and rails make sure to avoid any tension, thrust or torsion at the connecting contacts.

- If using circular conductors with conical terminals the clamping cones must be tightened prior to connections with the connecting contacts.

- Hold the fixing screws in place with a second wrench when tightening the nuts.

When touching up any damaged paint surfaces, always make sure not to apply paint to bearings and joints, springs and plastic parts or parts with galvanized protective coating.

When switching on and off in wall-mounted switching devices, the applied operating mechanism must reach the stop position without causing any overtravel in the operating mechanism.

**Observe direction of rotation!** (see brochure 776)

The operation or ON and OFF switching of the disconnecting switch and earthing switch is by means of an operating mechanism which can be optionally installed to the right or to the left of the operating shafts (Fig. 3, 4). For instructions on the actuation of all operating mechanisms please refer to 776. Installed adjustable auxiliary switches signal when the end positions of the earthing switch are attained.

The switching instant has already been correctly adjusted prior to delivery.

Each and every switch is adjusted and tested prior to leaving the factory! Nevertheless, satisfactory operation of the switch should be checked prior to commissioning.

When doing this, please observe the following points:
Commissioning and operation

1. The limited stops of the operating shafts (⑪ and ⑫) must reach their end position. The switching angle for disconnecting and earthing switches is 90°.

Note:
In switchgears with electromagnet interlocking the switch can only be operated when voltage is applied to the interlocking electromagnet. In de-energized condition the electromagnet locks the switch. The operating shaft of the associated switch is arrested by an interlocking device which is operated by an electromagnetically operated mechanism, type Hahn GL 90.
In the control voltage there is a permissible tolerance of 15% of the rated voltage of the magnet.

2. The functional check of the electromagnetic interlocking between earthing switch and associated switch is mandatory. This should be carried out in deenergized condition.

3. The main circuits ① and ⑤ of the switching devices must strike exactly in the provided contact jaws ② and ⑥.

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Fig. 1: Outdoor disconnecting switch

Fig. 2: Outdoor earthing switch

Caution:
The auxiliary switches are factory set and tested on all functions. A function check is to be done after the assembly works. Supposed that an auxiliary switch is mistakenly adjusted during transport or assembly works, it is to be checked and if necessary readjusted. Please contact DRIESCHER-Service
General
Our products have been on the market for many years and hundreds of thousands of these switching devices are used successfully. We are able to say that the quality of our products is distinguished by a high level of ruggedness and operational safety and reliability. To guarantee that the requirements put to the switching devices are met and to avoid any possible power failures, appropriate maintenance, inspection and possible repair measures are necessary to provide a reliable power supply, wherein the measures taken depend on the age of the switching devices, its switching frequency and the level of the operated rated current.

Inspection
Inspection should be carried out on disconnectors and earthing switches after approx. 10 years or 1000 switching cycles of operation in addition to annual visual checks, even if the switch is only operated with small loads and not very often. Shorter intervals between inspections may be necessary in the event of:
- negative impact from the environment, such as:
  - corrosive atmospheres, air with a high dust content, damp plant facilities etc.
  - high switching frequency
  - frequent short-circuit loads

Maintenance (refer to Fig. 1 and 2)
a) Clean contacts (② ③) with a solvent or degreasing agent (e.g. industrial alcohol).
b) Apply a thin film of contact grease, L55/1 of Klüber/Lubrikation.
c) Check all bearings and joints for ease of movement and lubricate with Rivolta S.K.D. 16 N of Bremer & Leguil.
d) Clean the insulators.
e) Check the switch for correct switching action by carrying out several trail switching operations.

Repair
Worn parts are not to be repaired or reworked, they must be replaced!
Only DRIESCHER original parts and accessories are to be installed or parts that we have approved and tested for safety, function and suitability.

Disassembly as well as removal and installation of the switch (parts) are only to be carried out by DRIESCHER-Service or appropriately authorized skilled personnel, this being due in particular to the expertise required for the correct adjustment.

Maintenance
Only mount and remove switch parts and accessories after disconnecting the switch and after isolating and safeguarding the working area in accordance with DGUV V3 regulations.

Service
You can reach our trained personnel at any time, also outside office hours, for assistance in troubleshooting or information on compatibility, assembly or maintenance. Please always indicate the data of the typelabel.
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